

Greetings From the East

Well, Brothers, another year is drawing to a close. The next month promises to be as busy as the first part of the year.

November 1st, which probably will have passed at this printing, serves as an indication of the popularity of the Fellowcraft Team's rewarding work. Their popularity was evident at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication when your Master was asked if they would confer the Master Mason Degree for Medina Lodge. Many times on recent visitations I have been informed of our growing fine reputation. Negotiations are now under way for a future visitation to the heart of the northland, Gaylord, where a requested visitation had to be refused because of conflicting dates. With the incoming Master's permission, I will do all in my power to finalize plans for our trek northward.

Your Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and myself have made many visitations the past two months, attending various Warden's nights.

The Trestle Board, published elsewhere in this issue, is complete through installation. Lodge will probably be dark from Dec. 17th until the January regular, subject to the new Master's scheduling.

Fraternally Yours,
C. B. Barnett, W. M.

NOTICE

To the person who left a leather camera case at the Temple, please contact Wes Penman, Tyler.

Fellowcraft Team Busy

Trestle Board

November 1st	Past Master Life Membership Dinner 6:30
	Master Mason Degree
November 8th	Regular Communication 7:30
November 15th	Fellowcraft Degree 7:30
November 22nd	Entered Apprentice Degree 7:30
November 29th	Master Mason Degree 7:30
December 6th	Dark
December 13th	Annual Communication - Election of Officers 7:30
December 17th (Sat.)	Installation 8:00

Eastern Star News

Mrs Russell Geib and Mr. Harold Lord Installed By O. E. S.

On Oct. 22, Sister Laura Geib and Brother Harold Lord were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Ypsilanti Chapter No. 119, O.E.S.

A delicious roast beef dinner, planned by the retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Helen Crane was served prior to the installation to members and guests. Centerpieces for the tables were white Chrysanthemums with green and white candles and the favors were nut cups dorned with a miniature Bible, the emblem chosen by the worthy matron.

The chapter room was beautiful with a lighted cross placed in the East with colored lights revolving on the white backdrop. In front of the lectern stood a pedestal on which rested a large open white Bible with a green ribbon marker, Baskets of white chrysanthemums flanked the honor lines in the East.

On the pedestals of each of

the star point stations were footed milk glass bowls with colored flower arrangements appropriate to their station.

Worthy Matron, Sister Helen Crane and Worthy Patron, Brother Harold Case entered the Chapter room.

The 1959-60 Officers entered the Chapter room and the
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Medina Here We Come

All brothers are welcomed and invited to go along with the Fellowcraft team when they travel to Medina, Michigan November 7. The team will exemplify the Master Mason Degree in long form.

A dinner will precede the degree work beginning at approximately 6:30 P.M. Any brother who would like to go along either for the work, or the work and the dinner should contact either Worshipful Master Carl Barnett or Team Captain Merv Shannon. We should be glad to have you with us.

Medina is a small town southwest of Adrian just off route 156 south of route 34.

The fellowcraft team under Captain Merv Shannon has been very active the past few weeks, and it is planned for it to continue.

On October 18 in our Lodge the Master Mason degree was exemplified by the team in a very fine manner. With several veterans returning for the degree, the team look exceedingly well.

On a foggy night in Monroe October 29 the team travelled to the latter city and put on a fine performance in putting the Master Mason degree on Henry Van Rippers brother-in-law.

This action will be continued as next Tuesday- November 1, the team will be again in action on the home floor. On Monday, November 7 the team is travelling again, this time to Medina, Michigan, to demonstrate their proficiency. All brothers are welcomed and invited to go along with the team to this small city southwest of Adrian. Brothers Shannon and Worshipful Master Carl Barnett will coordinate the trip, and if you are interested in going don't hold back. Call Merv or Carl and join the throng.

Brother Merv also wishes to advise that there are still openings on the team, and every brother is welcomed.

Brothers participating in the degree work on October 18 were: Troy Bird, Allen Ogle, John Bailey, Gus Schlanderer, Norman Holdler, Everett Addington, Denzil Robbins, Ray Vorce, Jerry Williams, James Mohler, Clayton Proctor, Noble Goins, Frank Daniels, Henry Van Riper, Frank Harper, Charles

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The end of another year approacheth. Soon our elections will be held, then our installations, then a new year with new officers to perform new duties. It behooves each and every one of us to attend our various Masonic bodies as often as we can. These officers need your moral support, and you should do all you can to encourage these brothers and companions in their ritualistic work. Raising or exalting a brother is no easy task, and a lot of memory work is involved in these various degrees, and each officer is expected to do his best, so you see **your moral support** is really very necessary. In the past I have written many articles, on Masonry, and subjects related to it, and I really expected to hear from some of you, to let me know if these articles of mine, are really to your liking, so since I have not heard from anyone I must take it for granted, or conclude, you either like them, or don't read them. So I will try in this one to really excite your curiosity to at least say something. Masonry is founded on a **belief** in God. And the Holy Bible as a rule and guide of our faith. But here let me ask a very pertinent question. Would God be satisfied with just a belief in him? The bible states that our God is a jealous God. So could a jealous God be satisfied in just a belief in him. And his holy word (the bible) do we believe explicitly in it, or are there many things in it, which does not suit our state. And is God so distant in this vast universe which has neither beginning nor ending according to the Copernican Theory. Then we really and truly are limited to just beliefs. This my Companions is what I consider a very serious question and with your patience I am going to pursue this subject, even if it is carried over in installments

in our magazine. I seriously maintain you cannot love something you don't know, if this God be, as stated in infinitely. He is lost to our perspective, and if we cannot see him, he is unknown to us, and if illimitable, he must be equally **Incomprehensible**. So brothers let us be honest with ourselves. Is it not a fact we have excepted these (**Theories**) and they are just that, and have not proved anything.

The ten commandments contain the ten fundamental principles of **immorality**. We have reached the end of the Christian Age and because the old heavens and earth are to pass away there comes into the world a revelation of the true system of cosmogonic form.

This cosmic science constitutes the sublime key to a knowledge of all other things, including the true religion, and that social government which shall fulfill the prayer "Thy kingdom come; they will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.

When the common people learn, (as they will) that a guess (Hypothesis) at science is not a good thing to depend upon, then the scientific? And the scholastic will gradually infer that guesses are not to be depended upon, and that the phrase, a "working hypothesis", while it sounds learned is but a means of self deception, and a cruel stultification of human reason. And the man who guesses is not a scientist. Science is knowledge. So we first must be sure we know something about the earth in which we live, and leave the moon to the communists as they are atheistical at best. Is the earth really Convex, or flat, or Concave, this is question which must be settled before your mind can really be sure it loves God. For mans knowledge of Man is his Knowledge of God. And if we **know** not guess his universe for sure. I am sure we will be more genuinely christian in

all our words and deeds. The Koreshan system of universology is the only system which is predicated on these facts.

The surface of the earth is **not** Convex. It appears to be so because of optical illusion. The only geodetic survey ever made for the purpose of determining whether the surface on which we dwell is convex or concave was made by the Geodetic staff of the Koreshan Unity in the year 1897. In this survey was corroborated conclusively that the earth is a hollow shell about 8000 miles in diameter and about 25000 in circumference. Let us here insert this axiom. Form is a fundamental property of existence, therefore that which has no form has no existence. Limitation is a property of Form. The universe has existence; therefore it has form, hence it has limitation.

The alchemical organize world or **universes** is a shell composed of seven metallic, five mineral and five geologic strata, with an inner habitable surface of land and water. This inner surface the reader understands is Concave. Within this shell are three principle atmospheres being composed chiefly of Oxygen and Nitrogen and the one above is that of Hydrogen, and the one above the Hydrogen is denominated ABORON. In these atmospheres are the sun and stars also the reflections called the planets and the Moon. If a person will stand upon a railroad track equidistant between two rails, the rails will seem to approach each other in the dis-

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In Memoriam

Three deaths have been reported to the Secretary Ralph Oltmanns this month. Three reported where Lawrence Milbourne, William Peabody, and John Hewitt.

Brother Hewitt passed away in July in California. His wife reports that his Great Grandfather Walter B. Hewitt was a charter member of Phoenix Lodge.

Lawrence A. Milbourne

Initiated; February 15, 1938
Passed: March 15, 1938
Raised: April 30, 1938
Died: October 28, 1960

William Peabody

Born: August 25, 1896
Initiated: June 29, 1948
Passed: September 28, 1948
Raised: October 19, 1948
Died: October 14, 1960

John C. Hewitt

Born: November 9, 1887
Initiated: June 17, 1910
Passed: June 30, 1910
Raised: July 6, 1910
Life Member: 1951
Died: July 26, 1960

Bowling News

7 o'clock League
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Congdons Hardware 17
Moffett's shoes 16
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tance, the apparent contact, or vanishing point being proportioned to the space between the rails and the height of observation. This is the law of fore shortening. If we take a ship, the disappearance over the horizon hull first so it recedes from view is caused by the same law of foreshortening.

If we should make calculations on the basis of appearance, instead of on the basis of the fact that the rails do not approach, but only seem to, we necessary draw false conclusions. This is what Astronomers do. They conclude from appearances rather than from

fact. This phenomenon belongs to the organ of vision, and cannot be comprehended only as we possess a correct knowledge of the laws and phenomenon of optics. The Copernican system of Astronomy **assumes** that the earth surface is convex, and upon the assumption the fallacious system has been fabricated. No Astronomer has ever yet presented any proof of the Copernican system, and one of the persistent efforts of the Modern Physicist is to find some irrefragable proof of what every so called Astronomer Ball states, "Our knowledge of the figure of the earth is only obtained by indirect means.

To be Continued A. Greenham

Phoenix Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master — HU 2-6876 ... Carl B. Barnett
Senior Warden — HU 3-2992 ... Irwin Hendershot
Junior Warden — HU 2-5860 ... Nels Mickelson
Secretary — HU 3-1913 ... Ralph T. Oltmanns
Treasurer — HU 2-6016 ... Carl E. Schultz
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Junior Deacon — HU 3-1402 ... Ralph Gregg
Stewart — HU 2-2454 ... Paul O. Hamilton
Stewart — HU 3-0731 ... Bruce D. Vint
Marshall — HU 2-3650 ... Alan Ogle
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flag was presented in the East.

The Worthy Matron introduced the distinguished guests and past Worthy Matrons and Patrons. The installing officers were introduced as follows. Installing officer Harold Koch, P. G. P. assisted by Sisters Alice Hayes P.M. Dorothea Burrell, P. G. C. Elnora Miller P.M. Marshall, Ella Darling P. G. M. Chaplain Lellavene Wallace P.M. Organist, Carroll Curtis P.P. and Soloist, Lucille Curtis P.M.

The officers then retired and the 1960-61 officers entered the chapter room and were installed: Worthy Matron, Laura Geib; Worthy Patron, Harold Lord; Associate Matron, Lillian Garrett; Associate Patron, William Garrett; Secretary, Lenora Susterka; Treasurer, Eva Cooper; Conductress, Winnie Arnet; Associate Conductress, Pauline Tremper; Chaplain, Adria Wright; Marshal, Hazel Laidlaw; Adah, Marie Robbins; Ruth, Althea Eddings; Esther, Wilma Dudley; Martha, Rosemary Patrina; Warder, Irene Thayer; Sentinel, Irwin Hendershot.

Auxiliary Officers are: American Flag Bearer, William Lowe; Christian Flag Bearer, Helen Akans; Eastern Star Flag Bearer, Julia Parker; Drill Leader, Lellavene Wallace, P.M.; Reader, Josephine McClure, P.M.; Blue Ray of Adah, Jean Vining; Yellow Ray of Ruth, Thudora Fanslow; White Ray of Esther, Mary Ann Jenkins; Green Ray of Martha, Anna Frank; Red Ray of Electa, Ethel Bailey; Soloist, Lucille Curtis, P.M.; Organist, Carroll Curtis, P.P.; Assisting Organist, Julia Burrell, P.M.

A reception followed the installation under the chairmanship of Hazel Laidlaw and her committee.

The Tale of Two Lodges

By Uncle Lou

It seems that a river which divides a city into two parts always creates rivalry between the two. Thus it was with Ypsilanti and even today that feeling still exists here although greatly lessened by the passing of time.

In 1857 there was an abortive attempt by the residents of the east side of the then village of Ypsilanti to secede and form the village of "East Ypsilanti". An election was held November 13, 1857 and a president and trustees were chosen. About this time a movement to obtain a city charter for the combined villages was fostered and "East Ypsilanti" fled into oblivion. The new charter was effective February 4, 1858.

However, it seems that in Masonic circles the old feeling of rivalry still persisted. A number of influential men resided on the east side, notably, J. E. Marvin, J. G. Cross, F. P. Bogardus, J. M. B. Sill and others. They decided that the honor and prestige of the east side should be upheld. Accordingly they requested and received a dispensation to form a new lodge and on July 25, 1860 thirteen of our good brothers met and elected officers. The early minutes show that the last date at which the term "Under Dispensation" was used was December 31, 1860 and the first date at which the lodge was called "Ypsilanti Lodge No. 128, F. & A.M." was January 14, 1861. This would set the chartering date at about January 1, 1861.

The first W.M. was Jarvis A. Marvin, a jeweler and the first candidate raised was Benjamin Follett, a financier and industrialist.

The men of those days were outspoken in their opinions

and firm in their beliefs and the old minutes are replete with example of these characteristics. We find Masonic trials for offenses which we in these days would overlook.

The rivalry between Phoenix No. 13 and Ypsilanti No. 128 was usually amicable but at times took peculiar tangents and resulted in much horse play and some ill-feeling. There was great competition for prospective candidates. All kinds of pressure was brought to bear from the separate camps and the advantages of each lodge were played up like a political campaign. So it went for a number of years but as the years passed and the ill-feeling between the east side and west side of the city subsided, the popularity of Lodge No. 128 began to wane. The city began to grow and the influence of the so-called "depot section" of the east side where No. 128 held forth, became less and less. The "Up-town" portion of the city, where No. 13 operated became predominate. Consequently the need for but one larger and more prosperous lodge became apparent.

So, in the minutes of the regular communication of June 2, A.L. 5904, we find the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That upon the concurrence of Phoenix Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M. this lodge does surrender its charter for the purpose of consolidating with said Phoenix Lodge No. 13."

Thus ended the noble experiment. So mote it be!

Ypsilanti Lodge No. 128 made about 308 Masons. Today, very few of them are with us. So far as the writer knows there remains but one-Elihu Briggs Gooding who was raised September 26, 1902. If there are others, the writer would be pleased to be so informed.

Fellowcraft Team Busy

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Fagin, Park Vaughan, Earl Kline, Harold Lord, Martin Siler, Paul Richmond, Harold Hawks, LeRoy Draper, Frank Brickel.

Those who made the trip to Monroe were: Troy Bird, Ed Sawyer, John Bailey, Charles Hall, John Pinkston, Everett Addington, Frank Daniels, Ray Vorce, Cliff Kreiser, James Mohler, Clayton Proctor, Norman Holdler, Charles Fagin, Bill Fensch, Henry Van Riper, Wes Penman, Alan Stewart, Walter Blackwell, Carl Barnett, Martin Siler, Irwin Hendershot, Harold Hawks, LeRoy Draper, Frank Brickel.

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